# **EXHIBIT D**

### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Bartz, et al.,

) No. 3:24-CV-05417-WHA

Plaintiffs,
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vs.
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San Francisco, California
October 10, 2024
) 11:33 a.m.

Defendants.
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BEFORE: THE HONORABLE WILLIAM H. ALSUP, JUDGE

#### REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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              MR. NELSON: Correct.
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              THE COURT: All right. So why is that not good
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    enough?
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              MR. WINTHROP: Because that is not in the complaint,
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    and we talked this morning. And if I -- they saw from the
     statement one concern we have, and they told me they were going
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     to try to tell me and show me that, in fact, they have this
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     evidence.
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              I am skeptical, Your Honor, but I'm open-minded.
     don't want to file a motion.
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              THE COURT: Please don't file one when it's that easy.
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              I want you by the end of the week, show him the
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    Atlantic list. Highlight the names of the three.
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              MR. NELSON: Absolutely, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: All right. Okay. Now, do you deny that
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     your company uses Books3?
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              MR. WINTHROP: I don't know at this point that the --
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     the full use of the training, but that's -- so that would be a
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     question --
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              THE COURT: That's what's alleged.
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              MR. WINTHROP: Yes --
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              THE COURT:
                          So --
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              MR. WINTHROP: -- I understand.
              THE COURT: -- why don't you go take the deposition
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     tomorrow of a 30(b)(6) person to find out if they're using
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Books3.

This ought to be -- the facts here should not be in dispute. If it's truly fair use, you should be open about everything that happened --

MR. WINTHROP: Yeah.

THE COURT: -- and -- and so that they -- we -- okay.

Now, what is your answer to his point? His point is, we're not selling pirated copies. We're not going out -- and what's the name of this book? The Last -- the Lost Night, a novel.

They're not going out and selling bootleg copies of this novel. Kind of the classic misuse of copyright.

What they're doing is, he says, a transformative use, the words in that novel and, as you say, the expression to train their -- what's it called?

MR. WINTHROP: It'll a model. Claude.

THE COURT: Claude, yes.

So that -- I can see the argument. I'm not saying I agree with it. I don't know yet. But tell me, preview what your response to that's going to be.

MR. NELSON: Sure. And we'll put aside the output case, whether it actually is transformative. But just this is an input case. The -- the copying of a pirated book is a copyright violation. And the American -- the A&M Records vs.

Napster, 239 F.3d 1004 at 1015, Ninth Circuit, I'm going to

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